

ABSTRACT

A rubber composition containing (i) a conjugated diene-based rubber gel having a toluene swelling index of 16 to 70, (ii) a diene-based rubber such as natural rubber, polyisoprene rubber, aromatic vinyl-conjugated diene copolymer rubber and/or polybutadiene rubber, and (iii) an optional carbon black and/or silica and (a) a pneumatic tire using this composition as a high hardness reinforcing layer extending from a bead along a tire sidewalls, in which the fluidity and dimensional stability at the time of extrusion are improved, while maintaining a sufficient hardness of a high hardness reinforced rubber, (b) a pneumatic tire using this composition as two ends of a tire tread extrudate, maintaining a flex fatigue of the two ends of the tread, in which the extrudability and extrusion dimensional stability are improved and (c) a pneumatic tire using the composition as a 1.5 mm to 6 mm thick undertread, in which a high elasticity and relatively thick gauge undertread, and excellent processability and steering stability are provided.